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Seydlitz Army

1. Formation organized early in 1947 following an appeal launched by radio Moscow on the night of 1 Jan 1947, by Marshal Von Seydlitz. In this appeal he summoned the specialist volunteers of the various armies to register in their camps in order to form the army of free Germany.

A certain number of volunteers presented themselves, especially from among former members of the German Goering Luftwaffe formations and the 8th German Army (Marshal Von Seydlitz's army).

Example: of the 8000 men in the Stalino camp, 1000 ~~1000~~ 1000 volunteers ~~etc.~~.

In the 8 days following the recruitment these volunteers were transported by truck to Kharkov where they were deployed to the airfields ~~around~~ the town: E, S., N.

Kharkov - North - received air force volunteers who were formed into two air regiments and four infantry regiments. Kharkov - South - received artillery volunteers. Kharkov - East received armored troops. A total of 15,000 men were deployed in this region.

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The Seydlitz army is said to form the 9th Soviet Army.

A. Kharkov, North:

- a. Chief of this camp, ~~General~~ Col. Lühr, AF commander; former regimental chief of the Herman Goering regiment. The staff is lodged in the control flight building, which is in the Kharkov Hospital, Red Square.

- b. 6th Air Force Regiment (5000 ~~xxx~~ 500 ~~flight~~ flights) ~~at~~ 3 of
three squadrons. 1

1st Squadron: 600 pursuit planes, ME 109. Lt. Col. Muller; ~~an~~
AF veteran of the 1st WW. In Berlin he lived in Goering's entourage

2nd Squadron: 75 Bombers, DO-215; Col. Freiherr von Lich; native of Magdeburg. Former chief of a regiment of Stukas of Stalingrad, 6th Army. Doesn't like USSR.

3rd Squadron: 4 Transports, JU 52; Gen Weiss; Adj. General
Col. Lohr. Personally commands the JU 52 Squadrons. Still wearing
German decorations, Iron Cross, 1st and 2nd Class, as well as a
decoration which it is claimed he received from Stalin; Red, Yellow,
~~black, and brown~~ ribbons. Billeted in the Kharkov
Red Sq are.

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c. 4th AF Regt.: 300 rampants.

Commander: Major Baungard.

All members of these 2 AF units are veterans of the Hermann Goering Regt.

d. One Inf. Div. of 4 regts.: Commanded by Major General Kleist, former chief of the 479th Inf. Div. This division is composed of:

2nd Inf. Div: Col. Weber
8th Inf Div: Col. Hartmann
9th Inf Div: Col. Döring
15th Inf Div: Gen Kleist (?)

Each div. comprised 1800 men. They all belong to the Luftwaffe and had been organized at Spandau and Döberitz. The officers had the use of four cars which still carry the old sign "WH".

Armament: mostly carbines 98 and pistols 08 (a-sic, not clear), plus:

6 MG 42
5 MG Degtyarev
50 MP Soviet 40 & 41
8 rifles 91-30 with sights
8 rifles Tokarev 40

The following are still ~~are~~ in the Kharkov, N. camp:

16th Communications Co: 160 men: Lt. Col. Kreuter.
4th Smoke-laying company: 150 men; Col. X
2nd Engr. Co: 300 men; Major Consorte
Medical Personnel: 50 men and women
Staff personnel: 25 men and women.
One Paratroop section: commanded by an adj. Chief and charged with training of Soviet soldiers on the west field.
Cooks, tailors, shoemakers, etc.

e. Depots:

Aviation and infantry munitions in the underground hangars of the camp.

5 reservoirs of 3,000 liters full of fuel in the SE corner of the camp... this fuel is reserved for the Seydlitz army.

2 barracks in the NW part of the camp and several camp tents are used as ration stores.

B. KHARKOV, SOUTH

Field Artillery: Anti-tank Artillery, Motorized, (figures not given)

The armament consists of: 105^{mm} canon^s, short; ~~12~~ 142^{mm} canon long (?); ~~both~~ 152^{mm} canon long, Soviet model 38. ~~both~~ German.

A total of 70 to 80 pieces parked in the woods at the SE corner of the field. At the same point there is artillery ammunition.

C. KHARKOV, EAST

Chief of Camp: Lt. Gen. Kleist (brother of the preceeding)
Major Drudel, adjutant.

Strength: 500 men belonging to the armored troops.

Material: Tanks: Tiger: 35
Goliath 75
Stalin: 12
KV-1: 22
Tank Transports: 10 (22 and 18 tons)
Anti-tank canon: Skoda/ 75: 2

Part of this material is kept in the hangars and part in the SW part of the field.

Depots: ammunition for armor: grenades, shells, machine gun ammo, in the hangars of the field.

3. Uniforms:

The uniform of the soldiers of the Seydlitz army is the same as that of the Soviet soldiers: same buttons, same rank insignia, same shoulder boards.

On the right sleeve (center of forearm) members of the Seydlitz army wear a sleeve band bearing the inscription (- see bottom of page 6)

4. Training:

The Air Force formations are giving marching drills 3 times per week. The remainder of the week they work in labor units cutting down trees, sawing wood, repairing ~~machines~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ planes, etc.

One 1 May 47, the Soviet and German troops of the Kharkov garrison were reviewed by Soviet Marshal (small, fat, bald, wears glasses).

The 5th Soviet Inf. Regt. took part in this demonstration.

It is said that a Co. of the Leibstandarte and elements belonging to the former Gross Deutschland division, which had come from Orsha took part in the review.

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5. Other garrisons: ~~Orsha~~

(Personal Guard)

Orsha: "Leibstandarte"/of Marshal Seydlitz (former SS), members of the former division "Gross Deutschland".

Odessa: Major General Galland who is said to have taken charge of the Naval Operations ~~at~~. (Note: doubtful)

It is said that Marshal von Paulus is also at Odessa but his activity is more political than military.